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## WEATHER REPORT FOR TODAY

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the words that describe what you observe:**

___ Warm	___ hot	___ Cool	___ Cold
___ Sunny	___ Clear	___ Cloudy	___ Overcast
___ Dry	___ Rain	___ Snow	___ Hail/Sleet
___ Calm	___ Breezy	___ Windy	

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**Walk along the trail and through the ruins. Look around you.  
Write down something you see that starts with each letter of the alphabet.**

**See how many you can find!**

(Hint: you probably won't find all of the letters, but don't be discouraged.)

Example: F = Flag S = Sky

A _____	N _____
B _____	O _____
C _____	P _____
D _____	Q _____
E _____	R _____
F _____	S _____
G _____	T _____
H _____	U _____
I _____	V _____
J _____	W _____
K _____	X _____
L _____	Y _____
M _____	Z _____

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Every day, the things we do make a difference in our environment. While you are here at Tonto National Monument, see if you can make a POSITIVE difference!

- \*\* If you see a piece of trash, pick it up and put it in a trash can.
- \*\* When you walk up to the ruins, stay on the trail to protect the plants.
- \*\* If you see someone picking flowers or chasing wild animals like lizards, remember NOT to do that yourself.
- \*\* If you see interesting rocks or sticks, enjoy them, but leave them there.
- \*\* When you explore the old Indian ruins, remember NOT to climb on the walls and NOT to damage the plaster or the wooden posts.

Look at the drawing below. Put a circle around the kids who are doing POSITIVE things that do not harm the environment. Put an "X" over the kids who are doing NEGATIVE things that harm the environment.



## THE HUNT IS ON!

Are you puzzled about what the Salado ate for dinner? Their diet was certainly nothing like yours. They didn't have hamburgers, potato chips, soda pop, or chocolate chip cookies!

To find out what kind of animals they hunted for food, unscramble the following words:



1. DRIZLA      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. NETPOLEA      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
3. REIPIAR OGD      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_
4. TABIRB      \_  \_ \_ \_ \_
5. ENRPCIOPU      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_
6. ODOU ART       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
7. LETRUT      \_  \_ \_ \_
8. HNRIOBG ESPHE       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. UAQLI      \_ \_  \_ \_
10. REPGOH      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
11. THALEIWIT EDER       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Now, unscramble the circled letters to find out what tools the Salado used for hunting!

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## SALADO SHOPPING LIST

What else did the Salado eat? Search for the names of native plants that they gathered. Use the list at the bottom of the page to find the words hidden in this puzzle. Look in all directions: horizontal, diagonal, vertical, and even backwards. Happy hunting!

E	T	J	A	O	R	A	U	G	A	S	E	O	H	C
D	B	E	R	S	R	J	D	B	S	Y	C	B	F	E
P	G	R	M	C	H	O	L	L	A	O	A	X	S	T
R	M	R	I	A	C	A	X	O	T	S	C	O	G	L
I	C	A	C	T	U	S	L	I	B	R	T	F	C	N
C	B	E	I	C	T	W	L	A	B	O	J	O	J	T
K	A	D	A	L	F	L	T	N	L	P	B	Z	U	I
L	V	R	P	A	O	U	E	F	G	O	U	I	S	A
Y	L	E	S	W	S	H	O	B	L	N	C	Y	L	G
P	S	V	E	D	E	Q	G	E	U	B	K	P	T	A
E	T	O	M	A	T	I	L	L	O	S	W	A	I	V
A	C	L	J	C	S	R	L	S	J	E	H	X	F	E
R	S	A	D	C	K	W	E	C	X	A	E	T	K	A
Z	Q	P	C	U	A	O	D	B	H	K	A	N	G	D
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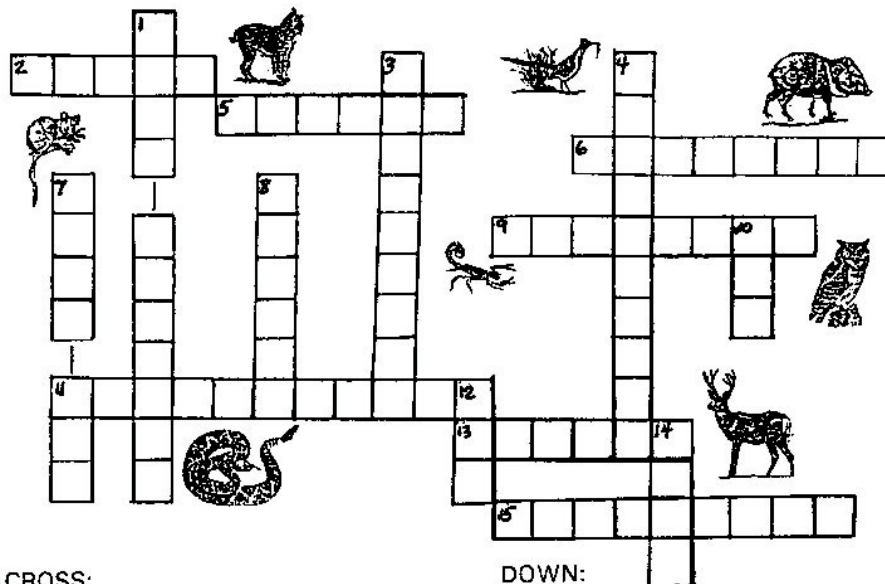
AGAVE  
YUCCA  
CACTUS  
BRITTLEBUSH  
CATCLAW  
BUCKWHEAT  
PALO VERDE  
MESQUITE

OCOTILLO  
PRICKLY PEAR  
SAGUARO  
SOTOL  
CHOLLA  
TOMATILLO

JOJOBA

## PREDATOR....OR PREY?

Fill in the answers on the crossword puzzle, using the clues below.



ACROSS:

2. The Gambel's \_\_\_\_\_ has a distinctive head feather.
5. This wild feline has a very short tail.
6. It looks like a pig and likes to eat cactus.
9. Always shake out your shoes to make sure one is not inside!
11. You'll hear this reptile's warning if you get too close!
13. You may see this reptile on a rock, basking in the warm sun.
15. This bird is America's symbol.

DOWN:

1. America's only poisonous lizard and it's found in Arizona.
3. It's the largest spider in the Southwest.
4. You can see this bird racing across desert highways.
7. This rodent builds large nests.
8. This mammal chases rabbits and sometimes howls at the moon.
10. This wide-eyed bird hunts for prey at night.
12. This tiny owl nests inside saguaros.
14. This grazing mammal has antlers.

### **CREATIVE CORNER**

The Sonoran Desert is very different place. Some unusual species of plants and animals live here--ones you won't find anywhere else in the United States. The saguaro cactus, ocotillo, and teddy bear cholla are odd-looking plants. The javelina, roadrunner, and diamondback rattlesnake are also unique to the desert.

All of these plants and animals are adapted to help them survive intense heat and extremely dry conditions. Many desert plants soak up water during rare rainstorms and store it in their tissues to use during dry spells. They often have spines or thorns to discourage animals from eating them for their moisture. Most desert animals are active at night, when it is cooler. When the sun blazes in the daytime, they rest in the shade. Some animals never drink water--they get all they need from their food!

In the space below, draw some of the plants and animals you see here.

#### **FUN FACT:**

DID YOU KNOW that the name "TONTA" is actually a Spanish word meaning "silly" or "foolish"? Ask a Park Ranger how the national monument got stuck with a name like that!